

IT ALL ADDS UP

In recent weeks, we've begun several exciting new chapters in our work to find new ways to help people live healthier, better lives.

First, we launched the first in a series of initiatives to find new answers for noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). We've long been focused on this area, especially through our life-changing technologies to address diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Building on this work, we just joined CARE in announcing a new partnership to address NCDs in challenging settings.

Second, we launched a new shared value collaboration to strengthen decentralized care in Rwanda, and globally.

You'll find more on these two stories below, as well as updates on our broader work. And as always, we'd like to hear from you too — we welcome your [feedback!](#)

AND TO REIMAGINE THE CURRENT HEALTH POST MODEL



TOP STORY: STRENGTHENING RURAL CARE IN RWANDA

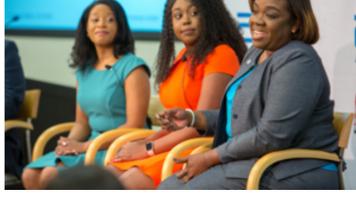
Across Africa, a majority of people live in rural areas, with limited access to care. Our rapid diagnostics business recently introduced a new collaboration with the government of Rwanda and the Society for Family Health-Rwanda to address this gap — with the broader goal of creating a new model for expanding access to rapid testing and primary care in developing countries. [more](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



New Relief for NCDs

Together with CARE, we launched a new partnership to address an often-overlooked problem: chronic diseases, also called NCDs, in regions affected by conflict, disaster and other humanitarian challenges. This work is happening in Marawi, Philippines — with the broader aim of establishing a new model for NCD prevention and care in challenging global settings. [more](#)



Sustainable Leadership Pipeline

Investors are increasingly evaluating companies' governance, with an eye to assessing how companies position themselves for sustainable growth. Developing tomorrow's leaders is a critical factor for any company — and Abbott's rigorous leadership succession practices help us thrive over the long-term. [more](#)



Preparing for Hurricane Season

The impact of recent hurricanes and other disasters highlights an important need: preparing in advance, to allow for a quick and effective response after the storm hits. For more than a decade, we've worked with Feeding America and Direct Relief to help communities prepare. [more](#)



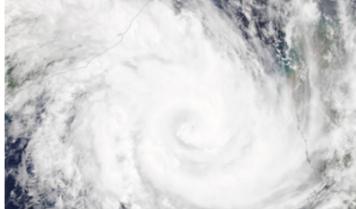
Video: Eliminating Malaria in India

For World Malaria Day this year, we created a new video that provides an on-the-ground view of our collaboration with Malaria No More and the Indian State of Odisha to advance malaria detection and prevention — to aid the broader fight to eliminate the disease. [more](#)



Treating Employees & Communities Well

Just Capital and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recently created a list of the Top 100 Companies Supporting Healthy Communities and Families — and Abbott ranked No. 6 overall. The list recognizes companies helping to create a "Culture of Health" in America, prioritizing workers, strengthening communities and protecting the environment. In addition, Corporate Responsibility magazine once again ranked Abbott among the Top 100 Corporate Citizens — for the 11th consecutive year. [more](#) and [more](#)



Aid for Cyclone Idai Relief

Cyclone Idai had a devastating impact on Mozambique and broader Southeast Africa. To help meet urgent needs following the storm, we provided both funding and our healthcare products, including rapid diagnostic tests for cholera, malaria and other diseases and diabetes care products. See the details, including how you can help. [more](#)



Blood Donation: Millennials Needed

A new survey highlights a key need: if more millennials step up to give blood, they can fill the gap left by aging baby boomers. Find out about the survey, and the BE THE 1 donor campaign. [more](#)



SPOTLIGHT: CARE

CARE was founded in 1945, when a coalition of American organizations came together to rush lifesaving CARE Packages® filled with food and supplies to survivors of World War II. More than 70 years later, CARE's work to help people extends well "outside the box" — with programs and outreach that deliver lasting change in the poorest countries around the world.

CARE works every day to save lives, defeat poverty and achieve social justice, with a focus on putting women and girls at the center of their work. This includes more than 965 poverty-fighting development and humanitarian aid projects reaching 56 million people in 95 countries around the world.

We've supported CARE's efforts to provide immediate relief following disasters around the world for many years. Building on that work, we're partnering together with CARE on a new initiative to help address NCDs in humanitarian settings, applying CARE's strengths in community mobilization, systems strengthening and women's empowerment to help many more tomorrow. For more on this pioneering effort, click [here](#).

To learn more about CARE's mission and impact in helping people worldwide, visit [care.org](#).

WHAT WE'RE VIEWING

- [Daily Media Briefing](#) by Corporate Citizenship. With concise summaries and links to the day's top headlines, these daily emails help us stay informed on the latest in responsible and sustainable business.
- [The Moment of Lift](#) by Melinda Gates. Sharing perspective and stories from her life and work at the Gates Foundation, this book highlights the vital importance of empowering women — and how we all benefit when it happens.
- [Euractiv: €102m grant boosts EU-WHO regional cooperation on global health](#). The EU recently announced a new round of support for the WHO's efforts to advance Universal Health Coverage by strengthening health systems, with a specific focus on addressing NCDs.



WHAT'S NEXT

- We'll share updates from our [2018 Sustainability Report](#) soon, with a focus on our work to protect the environment.
- For the upcoming school year, we're looking forward to launching a new program to help kids live healthier — with an eye to advancing the battle against NCDs.
- Building on our longstanding programs to advance STEM — especially [inspiring women and girls in STEM](#) — we're looking forward to announcing a new campaign to share results and best practices with others soon.



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